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Dear Child Welfare Council Member:

Following is your briefing binder for the next California Child Welfare Council meeting on March 18, 2008, at the California State Association of Counties Conference Center. We look forward to seeing you for what promises to be a very exciting day.

As the Co-Chairs mentioned in their recent letter to Council Members, we will begin a series of educational workshops at the March meeting around issues articulated by the Council at the November 2007. The purpose of these sessions is to provide you with sufficient information to make informed decisions about which issues the Council will initially address. To supplement the educational workshops, we have prepared this briefing binder.

Your binder is organized in four sections. The first section contains the meeting agenda, discussion highlights from the last meeting, and the draft by-laws that will be voted on at our March meeting. The remaining three sections are materials submitted for your review by the panelists participating in our educational workshops. We hope that you will find the materials useful compliments to the oral presentations.

The material in your binder also is available on our website (www.chhs.ca.gov). We will continue to post information for future meetings on the web. If you would like to download the documents directly rather than have a binder mailed to you in the future, please let us know.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-2902, or via email at asigney@chhs.ca.gov.

With best regards,

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